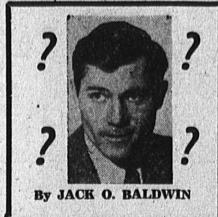


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Eleven



By JACK O. BALDWIN

It happened here. And, it's true. "I think I'll have a beer while you finish getting Nancy dressed for the wedding."

Charting of Mine Fields Earns Ex-Sergeant Medal



SGT. WM. J. CAMPBELL ... Awarded Bronze Star

From the Headquarters of the 40th Infantry Division word was received by former Sgt. William J. Campbell of the presentation of the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy while serving with the Corps of Engineers in Korea.

Sgt. Campbell, now residing at 923 Patronella Ave. with his wife Dolores, and son Craig, is presently employed at the Mayfair Creamery and is attending Long Beach State College.

The citation read in part: "Awarded for his leadership, courageous actions and sincere devotion to duty while completing the hazardous task of locating and charting friendly mine-fields." This act, affording friendly forces the opportunity to use these fields, charted and recorded, in the defense barrier plan.



DISCUSS REALTY CLASS ... Meeting to discuss an adult education class in real estate practices which will open Feb. 18 are (seated left to right) Dick Miller, H. V. Peterson, Howard Percy, Mrs. Grace Hinchshaw, Gerald M. Alter, and Mrs. Edith Smith. Standing are Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Bob Clayton; Vernon Shebiak, director of adult education here; Jim Decker, and Mrs. Gretchen Earle.

Plan for More Effectual World Day of Prayer Here

Plans for a citywide observance of the World Day of Prayer on Feb. 20 will be formulated at a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Paul Wenske, wife of the pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Torrance.

Invited to the meeting are the presidents of the mission societies of those churches affiliated with the Torrance Council of Churches. The gathering is to meet at 2550 El Dorado St. at 8 p.m.

Main topic of the evening will be a discussion on how to make the World Day of Prayer more effectual in Torrance. "We hope to enlist the cooperation of firms and factories in providing a short devotional period during which local citizens may join

began quivering in short, jerky movements as once more she tumbled up to cry. In short, quiet sobs said, "I don't wanna."

All three, mommy, daddy, and the neighbor were bent over trying to encourage Nancy. "Darling, please don't cry, you promised, remember?" asked her mother.

"Oh, you're really going to walk down the aisle, aren't you?" the neighbor offered.

"Honey," her dad said, "If I give you another sip of beer will you dry your tears and promise mommy and daddy you won't embarrass them by refusing to throw the rose petals down the aisle?"

Until Nancy took her first step and headed down the aisle ahead of the very beautiful bride did Mr. and Mrs. Ripsted know for certain whether Nancy would or wouldn't perform.

Actually Nancy did a creditable job of walking down the white canvas that covered the center aisle leading to the altar. She walked slowly. She dropped her rose petals very daintily. For one second, though, Mr. and Mrs. Ripsted held their breaths during one anxious moment. Nancy had dropped what she apparently felt was too many petals in one spot, so she stooped over, recovered three or four and continued down the aisle. Smiles crossed the faces of the many guests who saw and understood. "Cute," whispered one of the guests.

Near the door to the chapel the proud Mr. and Mrs. Ripsted watched their daughter as she stood near the altar. They were a bit proud of themselves too because of the success they had had with practical application of child psychology.

At the altar the bride and groom stood hand in hand. The minister had offered a prayer and had asked if anyone knew why these two should not be joined in marriage. It was very still and although the minister spoke in a low tone he could be heard even by those in the last row. He returned to look at the bride and asked the traditional question—the question asked all wives-to-be. "Do you, Marcel, take this man, Fred to be your lawfully wedded husband?"

"But before she could answer, Nancy gave a quick, convulsive twitch and burped. Loud!

Hampton Players Pick 'Papa is All'

Looking forward to an active spring season, the Hampton Players plan casting of a three-act comedy-drama "Papa is All" at El Retiro Park clubhouse, Hollywood Riviera, on Feb. 9 and 8 p.m. Fresh on the heels of their mid-January hit "Two Glass Mountain," the Players' president, Helen Ferrel, announced the date of May 1 for the opening night of the Players' next show.

Following an extensive review on numerous scripts, the Hampton Players Reading Board revealed its choice of "Papa is All" by Patterson Greene, a humorous comedy-drama of a Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonite family. The plot revolves about mother, daughter and son—pitted together against an ingrown and tyrannical father.

Papa AuKamp, misusing the "hand of God" in his self-styled interpretation of the Mennonite faith, rules his brood with a violent and devastating severity that goes each one to his own form of rebellion. Emma AuKamp, the 20-year-old spirited daughter, longing for life beyond the garden gate, Jake, the son of 15, dreaming of the comforts of mechanized farming; and Mama, who in her secret heart conspires with her children, all go to form an ominous financial threat to Papa's zealously treasured, economical status quo.

How the family finally over-rides dictator Papa, each in his own way, is a story woven by author Greene. "Written in the amusing dialect of the Pennsylvania Mennonites, 'Papa is All' will surely bring a lot of fun to South Bay area little theater audiences," claims Mrs. Lou Blakely, chairman of the play reading committee.

The script calls for a cast of three men and three women. Played in New York by such notables as Jessie Royce Landis, Celeste Holm, and Carl Benton Reid in 1941, it is anticipated

that "Papa" will allow the Hampton Players to continue their high caliber of production. Able direction will come under the guiding hand of Gordon Goodrich of Palos Verdes Estates. Goodrich, long experienced in little theater activity here and in Florida, promises to bring a fresh and light professional quality to this production, the mark of all Hampton Players' efforts to date.

The Hampton Players extend an invitation to those of the South Bay Communities who are interested in reading for parts, production work, or any phase of Little Theater to join their group. Scripts are available to those interested. For further information call Frontier 5-271.

Drunk driving and violations of the financial responsibility law played a major part in this week's revocations and suspensions of legal drivers' licenses, according to information released by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Two Torrance men, Miguel Esquer Villarreal, 20416 Lawrence Ave., and Byron Earle Shirley, Harbor Staff General Hospital, got their licenses revoked on financial responsibility and drunk driving charges, respectively.

Three other Torrance residents, and one Lomita man, got their licenses suspended on the financial responsibility charge. Cited were Corellan Myron Kelley, 20931 Brighton Ave.; Augustin Romero Rosales, 2063 W. 203rd St.; Jerry Lee Wetzel, 23841 Madison Ave.; and Theodore Frank Bigley, 24212 Eshelman Ave. Placed on probation for the same offense was Lawrence Chavez, P.O. Box 62.

Drunk driving caused the license suspension of two more Torrance men, Homer H. Hamilton, 1333 W. 253rd St., and Raymond Elbert Stillson, 1681 Pacific Coast Hwy. Jess Joe Alvarado, 1333 W. 256th St., Harbor City, received a further suspension for driving while his license was suspended.

The court recommended no suspensions for five drivers in this area convicted for drunk driving. Cited were Steven T. Amante, 1215 W. 257th St., Harbor City; George A. Muhleka, 25303 Weston Rd.; Dorothy Rydewski, 1563 W. 205th St.; Fortunato Urias, 16603 Gramercy Pl., Gardena; and Jimmie Van Dyke, 316 W. 214th St.

Those receiving permanent license reinstatements following suspensions for violation of the financial responsibility law were Franco Mike Franco, P.O. Box 593; and Jesse Levi Todd, 21902 1/2 S. Western Ave.

Mayor Proclaims President's Day

In honor of the office of President of the United States, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab yesterday proclaimed March 4 as President's Day in the City of Torrance.

He urged that prayers be made in all places of worship, in homes, and at all public gatherings on that day "for the divine guidance of our chief executive and the continuance of the freedoms guaranteed under the American flag by the Constitution of the United States."

Mayor Schwab said in making the proclamation that, because the free people of the world are faced with their greatest trials for the survival of their way of life, it is necessary to make the citizens of this nation aware of their responsibilities for upholding and maintaining freedom.

The office of the President is the highest and most important station which a citizen may attain, and it is the living and working symbol of our flag and Constitution, the mayor continued.

"Religion is our most vital asset," he said, "and our nation was founded on the authority of our Creator as the very foundation of our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

This is "refreshing to re-educate and reaffirm our faith in God and our system of delegated authority under him," by setting a special day to honor our President, the mayor concluded.

Use of the site for the future Ocean Ave. School for Little League baseball was granted tentatively by the Board of Education Tuesday evening.

The Little League, a national organization promoting baseball for boys between the ages of 8 and 12, operated on a shoestring out of the Riviera district last summer and sponsors are making an effort to expand the interest here to where it could support a local league, members of the board were told.

A formal agreement setting forth the conditions under which the school property could be made available will be drawn up and presented to the board at its next meeting, Feb. 17.

The school site, which lies west of Hawthorne Ave. at 236th St., is part of the future planning for the district and will not be built on this year.

Bids Called for New South Bay Court Wing

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday set March 3rd, at 10 a.m. for opening of bids on the contract to construct an additional courtroom to the South Bay Justice Courts Building in Redondo Beach, after approving plans and specifications, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby. The opening will be held in the Supervisors Room of the Hall of Records.

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Tartar Teen Talk

Fog Cancels Trip To NBC Studios

By JUDI REID

Drama and speech classes of T.H.S. were disappointed last Tuesday when their trip to N.B.C. studios was cancelled due to fog.

The Boys and Girls League new officers installation was held this week. All girls commented on the beautiful candlelight ceremony that was arranged by the old and new officers of the Girls League. They later attended a luncheon served at the Fish Shanty.

The boys installed their officers, including President Ted Marcoux, and then saw two short sport films.

Tonight is the Tartar Lady installation of new officers and a new member, Lois Phelps. Leading the group next semester will be Charlene Grace, new Tartar Lady Queen.

The Tartars wish to welcome Mr. Harter, new vice-principal of T.H.S. Mr. Harter, who formerly taught 7th grade at North Torrance has stated "We plan to continue working to make Torrance High a better school in spirit and accomplishment."

Ann Ballis was very much surprised last Jan. 28 when Marilyn Sanders, Sue Mayers, Peggy Wood, Janice and Jean Girm

Rites Pending in Denver for Mrs. Emory, 78

Services are to be conducted in Denver, Colo., for Mrs. Flora Austin Emory, 78, of 804 Hickory Ave., who died early Wednesday morning in a Gardena hospital following an illness of two weeks.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Almeda Smith, of the Hickory Ave. address, and one grandson, Bernard.

Arrangements are being completed by the Stone and Myers Mortuary here.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Royal Neighbors of Denver, from where she moved a short time ago.

Interment will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver.

Star Furniture To Inaugurate Removal Sale

Doors of the Star Furniture Co. will swing open at 9 a.m. tomorrow to kick off a store-wide "Removal" sale which is designed to reduce the stock of the firm before it moves into a new building this spring.

"Everything in the store that doesn't have the price set by fair-trade laws will be reduced for this clearance sale," Manager Frank Higgins said yesterday.

He said shoppers in this area would be offered bargains ranging from a 20 per cent discount to "super discounts."

A modern new store building is presently under construction for Star Furniture on the corner of Cravens Ave. and Torrance Blvd. Otto Koch, nephew of founder Jacob Koch, is supervising the construction of the new building.

Present site of the store was acquired recently by the Bank of America to expand its local facilities. The furniture store must be out of the premises by April 1, Higgins said.

"It looks now like our new store might be completed by March 15," Steve Schmidt, partner in the firm, said.

The sale will continue throughout the next several weeks.



PHOTO WINNER ... Major Eugene A. Thornton shows his wife, Rae, the print which won him first prize in the black and white division in the U. S. Forces in Austria photography contest. Mrs. Thornton, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper O. Hammond, live at 947 W. 256th St., arrived in Austria last April with her son, Michael.